ties and intensive training of the concerned staff. Under this programme, NABARD will give financial assistance to each selected society for employment of an Aditional Secretary; impart training to the staff; provide counter and safe, etc. Also, in order to strengthen the capital base, NABARD will provide loans to the State Governments concerned to enable them to contribute to the share capital of the PACSs.

The Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme introduced in the country with effect from Kharif, 1985, is also meant for providing relief to the farmers in the event of damage to their crops due to natural calamities. In the case of small and marginal farmers, 50 per cent of the insurance charges payable by them are subsidised jointly by the Central and State Government on a matching basis.

Conversion of VIP bungalows in Delhi into modern houses/flats

*254. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of conversion of bungalows in the capital's V.I.P. Zone into smaller and more compact modern houses/flats is under consideration of Government for quite a long time;

(b) whether a decision in the matter has since been taken;

(c) if so, what are the details in regard thereto; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative by when a decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) A Design Cell has been established in the Ministry of Urban Development under the overall guidance of a Working Group to study and recommend urban design framework for redensification of Government colonies in Zone D-11 and redevelopment of Bungalow area in Zone D-12 of New Delhi.

(c) and (d) The project is at a preliminary stage.

Loss to NAFED due to damage of food products

*255. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that food products of NAFED were got damaged some time back and it incurred a loss of several lakhs of rupees in its Vellore, Cochin and other branches; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to recoup the losses in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G.S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) NAFED has incurred some losses on account of damaged products of its food processing units. The commercial losses of the type are met out of the profits earned by NAFED and not compensated by the Government.

Prices of garlic

*257. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of garlic has shot up from rupee 6/- to 60/- per Kg. partly due to exports and partly due to reduced production;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no sufficient quantity of garlic seed for sowing;

(c) whether the import of unsuitable seeds might cause new diseases and also reduce the production of garlic; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to review its policies on the export of vegetables and fruits?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) It is a fact that the price of garlic has significantly increased during 1986-87 mainly due to fall in production on account of drought conditions in the garlic growing areas. The export of garlic has infact declined.

(b) Due to reduction in production of garlic the availability of garlic for seed purposes is adversely affected.

(c) Plant quarantine regulations are followed for import of planting materials of agricultural/horticultural crops including garlic.

(d) Export of fruits and vegetables are being continuously monitored. Government will not encourage export of such vegetables and fruits which are in short supply in the country.

Annual loss incurred on large surface water projects

*258. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared in the Times of India of 13th December, 1986 to the effect that India was incurring an annual loss of Rs. 800 crores on large surface water project; and

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking to cut the losses?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The annual loss mentioned in the news item appears to be based on a purely financial approach. The low financial returns are attributable to inadequate water rates and their poor recoveries by the States. The State Governments have been urged to review the water rates and improve recoveries.

Operational Research Units in Maharashtra

*259. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:
PROF. N. M. KAMBLE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1955 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th March, 1986 and state:

(a) the places in Maharashtra where Operational Research Units have been established by the end of the year 1986;

(b) the places where such units are proposed to be established during the year 1987; and

(c) whether Government have set up or propose to set up, a network of agencies to moniter, evaluate and improve the working of such units?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G.S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) The places in Maharashtra where Operational Research Units have been established by the end of the year 1986 are as follows :

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Location	Implementing Agency	Date of start
1	2	3	4	5
1	ORP on Integrated Control of Rice Pests	Raigarh	Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli	1986